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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 14-126—HB 5258**  
*General Law Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING BAKERIES, FOOD MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS AND FOOD WAREHOUSES**

**SUMMARY:** This act expands the Department of Consumer Protection's (DCP) oversight authority to include (1) food warehouses and (2) food manufacturing establishments where food is repacked or cut.

The act requires anyone operating a food warehouse to obtain a DCP registration certificate. The commissioner must issue a registration if an applicant (1) completes, to the commissioner's satisfaction, forms he prescribes and (2) pays a \$20 registration fee. A registration is valid for one year.

Under the act, a "food warehouse" is a building or part of a building where food is stored for wholesale distribution, but only if it is used primarily to import, store, or distribute packaged food. It excludes (1) places used to operate bakeries or food manufacturing establishments and (2) facilities the law exempts from licensure as food manufacturing establishments (see BACKGROUND).

The act subjects food manufacturing establishments where food is repacked or cut to the existing licensure requirements that apply to establishments that can, cook, freeze, dehydrate, or mill food. By law, the annual license fee for a food manufacturing establishment is \$20.

The act also makes minor and technical changes, including specifying that bakeries must be designed, constructed, and operated as the commissioner directs under the state's Uniform Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and laws regulating bakeries and food manufacturing establishments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND**

*Exemptions from DCP Regulation of Food Manufacturers*

The law exempts the following facilities from regulation as food manufacturing establishments:

1. certified farmers' markets;
2. residential farms that produce acidified food products, jams, jellies, or preserves;
3. state shellfisheries;
4. facilities that produce nonalcoholic beverages, milk, or milk products;
5. foods regulated under the laws on pure food and drugs (e.g., kosher foods, vending machines, frozen desserts); and
6. facilities that grade and market farm products or conduct certain activities under the Agriculture Department's jurisdiction.

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Premises used only for the retail sale or storage of prepackaged food are also exempt (CGS § 21a-151).

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